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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before the first line of text, insert a new paragraph:

-- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1) of provisional application Serial No. 60/179,253, filed January 31, 2000, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. --

Respectfully submitted,



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